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TO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF TAC GROUP TO ABU DHABI

1. THE ARCHITECTS COLLABORATIVE, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, HOLDERS OF HOSPITAL DESIGN CONTRACT IN ABU DHABI, SENDING GROUP OF FIVE TO PRESENT FIRST STAGE OF DESIGN PERSONALLY TO RULER ON NOVEMBER THIRD. ARRIVING 11/2/73 0050 MEA 424. TEAM MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS: MORTON (HEAD OF TEAM); NICHOLS; TURNER; MONTGOMERY; HASAN. LOCAL AGENT IS MOHAMMAD RUBAIA.

2. TEAM MEMBERS ALREADY HOLD UAE VISAS, BUT MORTON REPORTS ADVISOR TO ABU DHABI RULER, ABD AL MAJID, HAS THREATENED TO DETAIN MORTON AT AIRPORT BECAUSE QUOTE ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT SATISFACTORY UNQUOTE. MORTON SAYS RELATIONS WITH ABD AL MAJID VERY GOOD UNTIL NOW AND CANNOT UNDERSTAND REASON FOR THIS CHANGE.

3. REALIZE THAT ARRIVAL HOUR EXTREMELY INCONVENIENT FOR EMBASSY BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RENDERING ANY APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO TEAM MEMBERS IN ENTERING AUE AND IN CLEARING THEIR 250 POUNDS OF EQUIPMENT.

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